

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed 19 September 2006. No fee is due for the addition of any new claims.

Claims 1-39 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the application to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-20, drawn to a method of inspecting a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 14, or

Group II: Claims 21-39, drawn to an apparatus to inspect a semiconductor device, classified in class 324, subclass 765.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I, and withdraws the claims of Group II.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0869 (MXIC 1555-1) for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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